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UK Shipping to Cuba

Reference: Embassy's A-652, September 27, 1962

FOREIGN OFFICE COCOM DESK OFFICER (FIELDING) INFORMED EDO TODAY
THAT MIN/TRANSPORT MARPLES'S LETTER SEPTEMBER 13 ADVISING
UK SHIPPERS NOT TO CARRY ARMS AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO CUBA
DID NOT CONTAIN ENCLUSIVE COCOM LISTS BUT AN EXPLANATORY
NOTE SETTING FORTH EXAMPLES OF KINDS OF GOODS IN QUESTION.
EXPLANATORY NOTE REFERRED TO GROUPS 1 (AIRCRAFT, ARMS,
MILITARY STORES AND APPLIANCES) AND 3 (ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC
AND SCIENTIFIC APPLIANCES) OF STRATEGIC GOODS (CONTROL)
ORDER, 1961, AND ADVISED SHIPPERS TO CONSULT MIN/
TRANSPORT IF QUESTIONS AROSE.

WHEN ASKED WHY NO REFERENCE MADE IN LETTER TO GROUP 2
(ATOMIC ENERGY, MATERIAL AND APPLIANCES), FIELDING SAID
SOVIETS OF COURSE WOULD NOT ALLOW BRITISH SHIPS TO CARRY
SUCH GOODS.

FIELDING ADDED FOREIGN OFFICE WAS INSTRUMENTAL AT
INTER-DEPARTMENTAL MEETING IN PERSUADING RELUCTANT
MIN/TRANSPORT TO SEND SEPT 13 LETTER TO SHIPPERS.

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